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CONTAINMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 3, 2003, a shortened period for response was set to expire on October 3, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including November 3, 2003.

The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 for a small entity is \$55.00. The petition fee is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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